

ROCHESTER WINGS

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GREATER ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

New York's Largest Aviation Expo

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Come Celebrate Flight at Rochester WINGS 2009

GREATER ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROCHESTER, New York. – (May 8, 2009) –

The date is drawing near, when New York's Largest Aviation Expo will celebrate General Aviation. Tens of millions of Americans depend on the economic lifeline General Aviation provides, and Rochester WINGS 2009 brings people closer to this vital segment of aviation. This event, which will be held at Greater Rochester International Airport in Rochester, New York, June 5-6, provides a unique opportunity for people of all ages to be around airplanes, learn about aviation safety, and even go for their first flight lesson.

This aviation safety oriented event brings together people from around the region to share their love of aviation. At the core of the event are aviation safety seminars covering a host of topics and including an Aviation Maintenance Technician ("IA refresher") course. Additional topics offered through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FAASTeam include runway safety, airspace, maneuvering flight and many more topics. Last year, thousands attended the event and over 50 vendors showcased the latest in aviation products and technology.

"Airfield and passenger safety remains our top priority at the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA). Rochester Wings is a outstanding event that emphasizes the importance of aviation safety as well as promoting future hobbyists to take up flying." said Airport Director, David P.Damelio. "Our committment to keeping GRIA home to General Aviation (GA) has been demonstrated by our administration's diligence to secure federal funding for the total rehabilitation of GA runway 7/25. As a result, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has coined 7/25 the best GA runway in New York State."

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Present at this year's event will be displays of corporate aircraft, training aircraft, Light Sport Aircraft, and military aircraft. Located in the brand new, state of the art New York Army National Guard facility, the event will have many opportunities for all ages to interact with aviation technology by using working avionics panels, Air Traffic Control simulators, flight simulators and other engaging displays.

Aircraft of all shapes and sizes will be present to represent decades of aviation, from a 1943 Douglas C-47 Dakota to 2009 Glass Cockpit technology. Saturday morning will host a pancake breakfast run by the local Civil Air Patrol. Aircraft will be available throughout Saturday to give Discovery Flights to qualified candidates who believe that they want to pursue becoming a student pilot. In addition to the safety seminars, there will also be a series of aviation career seminars covering career opportunities with military aviation, flight instruction, corporation/commercial aviation, Air Traffic Control and Aviation Maintenance. A number of Aviation Colleges and Training Centers will be on hand to talk about career opportunities.

Pilots will have the opportunity to work towards achieving a level of the FAA WINGS Program through flight instruction and attendance at seminars. FAA representatives will be on hand to familiarize pilots with use of the FAA WINGS Program web site.

Anyone interested in attending should visit www.RochesterWINGS.com for details. Fly-in or drive-in and enjoy a weekend at the airport! The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

Rochester WINGS 2009 is organized by a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that focuses on aviation mentoring and delivery of aviation scholarships. Founded in 2001 and based in Rochester, NY, the event has grown every year to welcome thousands of pilots, mechanics, aircrew, students, industry representatives and aviation enthusiasts.